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THE FEE SYSTEM: FURTHER EX-AMPLES IN ADDITION.

The ridiculously heavy fees and costs which are levied in minor criminal cases are perhaps justified, in part, by which revert to special officers for a very slight expenditure of their time in issuing writs and receiving prison-

But whatever justification there may be for a portion of the costs in crimiwithout any legal involvements and with really no principle at stake other

think, that such fees and costs should reduced to a minimum, especially both litigants may be poor men. But every lawyer who is not himself properted by fees will acknowledge that the contrary is the case.

Here is a typical case of record, showing exactly what it costs a poor man to recover a debt due. A subntractor does work, and is unable collect his claim, amounting, say, te's Court, and gets a verdict. The defendant appeals to the Law Equity & urt, where, before a hearing can be obtained, the plaintiff, who has costs in case the verdict goes against him. The matter goes to the jury and is decided in favor of the original plaintiff, who gets his debt by the

sheriff's execution. And what does this petty bit of litt gation cost the parties involved and Commonwealth? These are the

figures: Fee for serving same...... Trial fee in Civil Justice's Court. Deposit by plaintiff to cover costs, including writ-tax of

Excess costs beyond the deposit,
for the payment of witnesses. 1 50
Cost for portion of jury's expenses, paid by the State..... 3 00
Sheriff's fee for executing judgment, 5 per cost, of \$30...... 1 50

\$30" debt costs the parties involved and the Commonwealth 41 per cent of the principal. That of itself is condemostion enough for the fee-system until they become, as every knows, practically prohibitive to the poor man. And it will always, be found that a very large percentage of the "costs" go for fees to the various pfficials of the judicial machine,

MR. STEAD'S SPIRIT BUREAU.

That the desire of the living to communicate with the dead is strong enough protective tax put on skins. Confusion over again. It is demonstrated anew the News's columns abundantly show in W. T. Stead's campaign, just opened, but it must not be thought that we for the establishment of a permanent regard them lightly. The other unspirit bureau, or bureau of communi- adorned truth is that between this pacation with the other world. A man per and that "no conclusive controco-operation of those on the other be Hon, Sereno E. Pavna The idea of the bureau was, in There are many Democrats in Con-"correspondent" from the other side- wrongly, we think, to underlably died in '91 or '92. A long spirit letter voted for protective duties in the infrom her is printed in the Fortnightly terests of some local industry. These Stead, "are actively co-operating with at home who have justified their stand her in this effort to bridge the abyss. by arguments which, while we can-

While Mr. Taft is searching the by popular indignation out of men like country in his effort to find some one payne have done their fullest duty in London as American ambassador, Payne's proposed reductions have been the English people and the English nobly fighting against "discrimina-press seem as much interested in the tion"; that to ask Democrats to rematter as any senatorial king-maker

in Washington.

In the last issue of the Fortnightly tion as they talked before election, is Review Sidney Brooks discusses the an "inconceivably ridiculous postuquestion of the ambassadorship with late"; here are the working hypoa seriousness that is almost comical, theses put forward by a paper des What England wants, he says, and parately claiming to he an authority what Mr. Taft must find, is a rich man on "facts" and, laughably enough, a who can speak wittily at dinners and model of ethical disputation. We have has energy enough to stand the tremendous drain of social functions. On briefly and in an amateur way, as time the strength of Mr. Reid's perform- and space permitted. It is quite probthe duties of our new minister for the jected to a far stiffer and grimmer first menth will be about as follows: dissection on the stump. Here, we to his welcome; to do the same in a keeps faith to the letter but breaks it half-dozen cities en route to London; again and again to the fair inference Franklin, Lincoln, on the Supreme to run down such a direct misstate-Court, on American education, on mont as that men voted to lower a Alexander Hamilton, and on Emerson; Dingley rate by 50 per cent, when the to address and toast the Royal Society; literal fact is that they voted to re-Club and the Dickens Club; to unveil others who, endowed with patience and six memorial windows; to attend five centenary celebrations: to speak six times at Guildhall banquets; to swear allegiance to a half-dozen philanthropies; to give three dinners; to attend six luncheons; and, finally, to present his credentials to court and take up his work.

This catalogue of plenipotentiary duties may seem odd to those who remember Buchanan's "black-coat" order of diplomacy. But at any rate it is with which our ambassador is received. in England becomes so distinctly and so decidedly the ward of the British people as the American ambassador, and no one holds precisely the same place in John Bull's affections.

Multimillionaires who look well in evening dress, have English-looking sneezing and know where to put their hands on a bright young man to write their speeches for them, are urged to forward their applications and testimonials to the President.

SLEIGHT-OF-HAND AND EUPHEM-

Many and useful are the gifts which were denied us. The art of doublelointed contortion is as a sealed book transference we know nothing, and sound training in legerdemain and palming and prestidigitation was omitto us. Of necromancy and thoughtaudience, with uprolled sleeves and no ink a moment since; cannot show the pocket of the astonished blonde genat a decided disadvantage in discussing tariff matters with the astonishingly

ing in the community. Between these of the shimmering mist of crats in Congress, till the soul is enbility of man-out of the dazzling haze two truths emerge in plain but not unwelcome simplicity. One is that there were more than two Democrats who resisted Mr. La Follette's endeavor to cut down the extract protection, and much less than ninety who voted to tax hides, alone, after being beaten in the attempt to get a to disregard the certainty of ridicule and miscounts are not unnatural with and abuse has been proven over and numerous records to report upon, as of considerable reputation, he cheer- versy is possible." Here, for once, is fully courts derision in launching accuracy pure and undefiled. This pawhat he believes to be a great move- per is left marveling that it once inment. He is buoyed, he says, by the genuously hoped to reach solid constrong conviction that "we can con- clusions with a debator whose beau fidently depend upon the business-like ideal of a tariff revision appears to

fact, suggested to Mr. Stend by a gress who have yielded, unwisely and Miss Julia A. Ames, of Chicago, who changing sentiments in the South, and "Many others," writes Mr. Democrats have found able defenders her in this effort to bridge the abyss. If any reliance can be placed upon assurances and communications received from the other side, both my son and Mr. Meyers are actively interested in making this bureau a success. . If it falls it will not be for lack of carnest and sincer co-peration on both sides. But if it succeeds——!"

The apparent doubt as to whether any reliance can be placed upon communications from the other side is curious, since if no reliance can be placed upon such communications from the other side is curious, since if no reliance can be placed upon such communications from the other side is curious, since if no reliance can be placed upon such communications from the other side is curious, since if no reliance can be placed upon such communications from the other side is curious, since if no reliance can be placed upon such communications from the other side is curious, since if no reliance can be placed upon such communications from the other side is curious, since if no reliance can be placed upon such communications from the other side is curious, since if no reliance can be placed upon such communications from the other side is curious, since if no reliance can be placed upon such communications from the other side is curious, since if no reliance can be placed upon such communications from the other side is curious, since if no reliance can be placed upon such communications from the other side is curious, since if no reliance can be placed upon such communications from the other side is curious, since if no reliance can be placed upon such communications, the bureau which purveys them would seem to can be placed upon such communications, the bureau which purveys them would seem to can be placed upon such communications from the complex of the such parts of

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Earnings of the Bell telephone com-panies increased \$2,700,000 in the first four months of this year. Money not only talks, but talk is money.

The White House attendants can put the veto back in the wardrobe. There will hardly be any use for it this

"With hard work, a man should live to be 100 years old," says Buffalo Bill. But why should a man desire a cen-tury of hard labor?

Doctor Wiley is said to have discovered lately that the poor are not eating the best food. The doctor is fortunate in having to do research work to find that out.

A tax on corporations, as we figure

A British economist informs us A Briden economist informs us that about 700,000 persons die in the United Kingdom every year. But think how much harder it would be for them to die if they lived in Old Vir ginia.

Doubtless it is only a matter of time before they begin making the panta-loon skirt with a permanent turn-up.

Senator Aldrich's stinging rebuke to

"Emma Goldman's lecture on the hyprocrisy of the Furitans," says the Minneapolls Journal, "has been pro-nounced harmless by the police." Of course this is rather hard luck for Emma, but she can doubtless write another one which will not disappoint

June seems to be making signals to the effect that she is anxious to be taken back and have all forgiven.

CLOSING VLADIVOSTOK.

Customs Tariff Diverts Business to Ri-val Japanese Port of Dalay.

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In transmitting a translation of a letter received from the inspector of customs advising him of the closing of Vladivostok as a free port on March 14, 1909, Consul Lester Maynard writes as follows:

The proposed introduction of a customs tariff (in Vladivostok) has had a tendency to upset the business equilibrium. Many firms have been heavy importors during the past few months and have now stocks of foreign goods sufficient to carry them for two or three years. On the other hand, a number of the leading firms of Vladivostok have decided to either partially or entirely withdraw from business. It has been stated that the introduction of this customs tariff would be in effect a Japanese subsidy, and this is proving true even before the tariff is enforced, as business is flourishing in Dalny and shipments which ariff is enforced, as business is flourerfere with immediate shipments to farbin and interior districts of Man-

Harbin and interior districts of Manchuria.

A great danger in shipping to a northern port during the winter is the risk of freezing, and unless cargo can be promptly removed to warmed "godowns" it may prove a total loss. As the custom house is not sufficiently supplied with warmed "godown" there will probably be considerable damage done to the cargo in vessels lying in the harbor, if all wish to clear before midnight on March 13, 1909. That and other inducements have led merchants to ship via Dalny. Travelers will also use the Dalny route to Europe, as it means a gain of one day and about \$15 ever the Vladivostok route. It is doubtful if the Russian merchants will profit by the closing of this district, for, as before stated, the markot is overstocked with foreign goods, and the business depression which is sure to follow will injure the Russian manufacturer.—Dally Consular and Trade Reports.

SPORT VERSUS SLEEP.

"On Account of Durkness" Soon Will Be an Obsolete Phrase. Be an Obsolete Phrase.

Baseball by electric light is reported feasible after a trial at Cincinnati. It prosents difficulties no greater than those of a big night circus or Wild West show.

Sports and amusements are fast be-Sports and amusements are fast be-coming nocturnal. The theatre in an-cient times was always a daylight end out-of-door amusement. In Eliza-bethan inn-yards it was usually so. In China and Japan and in the peas-ant plays of Europe it is still. But the London or New York matines is now far less important than the night per-formance.

Borrowed Jingles.

MONTH OF THE WISE, MONTH OF THE WIS
Old Peirarch and Laura,
Helolae, Abelard.
The modern day Brownings
Each full fledged a bard,
And Mother and Father,
Who once had it hard—
They simply knew nothing
Of passions attune
Compared to the Newweds,
Who marry this June.

Old Petrarch and Newton, Old Petraren and Newton,
And Socrates, too,
Columbus and Fulton,
And mers not a few,
And Pather and Mother,
Who once thought they kine
They simply grasped nothing
(A learning's deep boon
Compared to the Newgrads, Ce learning a sompared to the Newgrads, Smpared to the Newgrads, With sheepskins this June. —New York Times.

MERELY JOKING.

The Hegger-"Sir, I was not always like this. The victim-"No, last week you were laine in the other leg."-Cloveland Leader.

"Do you mink there is much gratitude in politics?" "Yes," answered Senator Borghum; "but it is hard to locate. As a rule it is something that every one is hoping to find in somebody cise."—Washington Star.

A celebrated Anglican divine, the late Bishop of Rochester, who had been alling for some time, decided to consult Sir Freu-

orick Troves, the noted surgeon. After a careful examination Sir Frederick pronounced his verdict, and added: "rour Lordship must go to Algiers or some winter resort on the Riviera."

"Impossible," replied the bishop, "I have too much work to get through,"

"Well," said the doctor, "you must make your choice, It is either Algiers or heaven."

"Dear me," exclaimed the bishop, with a sigh, "then I suppose it must be Algiers."—Los Angeles Heraid,

Exactitude,

Lady (on the bank)-"My dear sir, how did you come to tumble in?" -- Man (in water)—"My dear madam, to be frank, I didn't come to tumble in-1 came to skate,"—Bystander,

Changed Opinion.

"Mr. P., how is it you had not called on me for your account?"
"Oh, I never sak a gentleman for money."
"Indeed! How, then, do you get on if he

doesn't pay?"
"Why, after a certain time I conclude he is not a gentleman, and then I ask him."—
Tit-Bits.

Who He Was.

Madge (proudly)—Did you see that hand-some man I just danced with? Kate—Yes; he has a jealous wife who will allow him to dance enly with the plainest girls in the room.—Beston Transcript.

BACK AT THE TIMES-DISPATCH.

that those Turks are not as young as they're painted.—Richmond Times-Dispatch. Certainly not. If these so-called Young Turks were really young, there would be no necessity for their being painted.—Florida Times-Union.

"Why do great men shoot monkeys?" In-quires the Richmond Times-Dispatch, The Times-Dispatch does not want that in-formation ardently enough to prompt it to walk right up to a certain person and ask him to his face.—Washington Herald.

The Richmond Times Dispatch says that the fly "is the most deadly animal alive." We thank a bountful Creator that it is a sweetly solemn thought that ... of fles of Southern California have not yet grown to the dignified largeness where they can be branded as "animals."—Los Angeles Ex-

"The affair was too brief," remarks the Richmond Timos-Dispatch, "to demonstrate convincingly whether or not Bailey has the punch." The reference, in this item, is to that rising young boxer, Battling Bailey, of Texas.—Philadelphia Star.

The esteemed Richmond Times-Dispate The esteemed Richmond Times-Dispatch speaks of it as a singular fact that the new \$20 notes are to bear the portrait of Grover Cleveland—Inasmuch as "the Republicans always have by far the most" of such notes, Is this a philosophical reflection or is it a kick?—South Bend Times.

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The Richmond Times Dispatch says a new Jefferson letter has been found in the possession of a Virginia lady, and that it has been printed. But there len't a word in it about the fifty-seven varieties of Democrats now loose here and there in this country.—Knoxville Tribune.

During the war between the sect of the American Union in 1861-'65, the ishing in Dalny, and shipments which formerly came to this port are being diverted to the Japanese port, where the delays and customs formalities interfere with immediate shipments to rincipal city that had not at an early aday in the condict fallen into the hands of the enomy, represented the section and cause for which it stood more completely than could have been said of any other part of the country.

New Orleans, Memphis and Nashville were soon successively occupied and continuously held by the Federal continuously held by the Federal of forces, but Richmond, Charleston and Mobile stood out to the end of the war. Richmond and Charleston were about equal in popuation by the census of 1860, being credited with about 10,000 each, while Mobile followed with about 30,000 inhabitants. They were each all the time active centres of Southern military, political and social life. The invincibility with which they resisted all hostile attacks made them specially distinguished in military, and patriotic annais, while at the same time redoubling against them the force and fury of the foe's assaults.

But Richmond passed the others in overy sort of activity and importance, because, being the South's capital, it drew to it the most cominent people of all the Southern States, and was beyond all the point against which the most powerful armies and the most formidable military resources were constantly launched by the Northern government.

These observations were suggested by a book lately from the press of Dillingham, New York, entitled "Belles, Beaux and Brains of the South in the Sixties," by T. C. De Leon, of Mobile. ties of the government, and being the principal city that had not at an early

It was not all war in Richmond, even

The Courts of Europe

By La Marquise de Fontenoy.

and the original concessionaire and promoter of the Panama Canal, is described in all his obtuaries as the son of Princess Lettita Bonaparte, daugnter of the great Emiferor's brother Lucien, and "of her husband, Sir Thomas Wyse, who died as British minister at Athens." This is a mistake, for I have before me a letter, published some years ago in the London Times, by the eldest son of Sir Thomas Wyse, the late Lucien William Bonaparte Wyse, lord of the manor of St. John, Waterford, and by the other members of the old Irish house of Wyse, protesting against the use of Sir Thomas's name by the Panama Canal promoter, who has just died, and by the latter's sisters, Mme, Ratazzi de Rute, and Mme, Turr, wife of the Hougarian revolutionist and Italian gotieral, who will live in history as the eventor of the Corinth Canal.

This letter shows that Sir Thomas Wyse married Princess Lettita Bonaparte on March 4, 1821, at her father's chateau of Canino, in Italy; that several sons, of whom the lord of the manor of St. John, at Waterford, was the eldest, were born to the union, and that seven years afterwards, namely, in 1828, Princess Lettita left Sir Thomas Wyse, and never saw him again. She, however, gave birth to several other children some years after her separation from her husband, Mme, Turr and Mme, Rajazzi having been born in the late thriles, while Lleutenant Bona-

The General Manager Plan.

In a small city like Staunton the general manager has to do a great deal of detail to the other prices. Lettila, it is just a small city like Staunton the general manager has to do a great deal of detail to rever took the trouble to discover Princes, Lettila, it is just a small city like Staunton the general manager has to do a great deal of detail store, and the proper took the trouble to discover princes. Lettila, it is just a subordinates for every department and prices the principle of the proper deal of the subordinates for every department and prices. The control of the proper deal of the proper deal

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mext eldest brother. The Holl. John Mansfield, who is a member of the bar.

Ex-Archduke Leopold of Austria, eldest son of the last Grand Duke of Tuscany, has issued a denial of the widely circulated story to the effect that he had quarreled with the Swiss government, and had been requested by the latter to transfer his residence to some other country. He explains that his differences, such as they are, have been merely with the municipal authorities at Zurich, who had ventured to manifest their disapproval of his treatment of his former and actress wife, who is now insane, and of his myrriage to the former hotel chambermald, who is now his second wife. He has in consequence thereof sold his place in the neighborhood of Zurich, and has transferred his abode to Geneva, where he has purchased a villa in the outskirts, and where he proposes to make his home in future in the enjoyment of the \$16,000 or \$12,000 that constitute his income.

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is the most palatable and refreshing of all foun-tain drinks. Served lee cold, it quenches the thist as nothing else will will. Pure and health-ful. Get it for 5c at Polk Miller's, 834 E. Main.

Goose."

T am very sure that an unambitious but honorable soul, fed on such royal dainties, would have nothing to fear in any company.

Richmond, June 19.

About School Superintendents.

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Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir,—I have read with much interest what you have had to say in regard to superintendents of public schools, for I am well satisfied that there cannot be any great improvement in our schools until there is a radical change in the appointments to this most important position. The policy followed heretorore, while it has placed in office many flae gentlemen, has given us in many cases sadly incompetent officials, whose administration has discounted the public schools in the estimation of the pome as nothing, except incompetent feachers, can de. Many of these men

Notice of the People

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Dr. Ellot's Book List.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir.—Dr. Ellot's great name makes him to be accepted as authority in things literary and intellectual—a chief cook and caterer for mental banquets and gentle for very much whether the menu and table driot on this given as his will suit our climate, however it may be adapted to his own people.

It does not strike me as either inviting or wholesome—rather flavored of the literary ambitions and intellectual self-sufficiency. I see nothing in it promising to purify the tastes, fix principles or familiarize hish ideals of manhood or enlighten human life.

There is no ruling idea or thought in it. On the contrary, it is a mixture, in its best aspect comparable to our Brunswick stew, but not a little suggestive of the big supper that makes nightmares. I not a little doubt whether he has recead and memorized anchor of what he recommends. I am very sure he will find few to take his avery common, unliterary man, though a common, unliterary man, the proposed and still enjoy. Dr. Ellot makes no reterence to the the Holy Scriptures and Shakespeare; but as he is an educated man I presume he as ecopts them as the bases of our British and the content of the same of the rice to recall that General Lee to recall that General Lee is provided to recommend the content of the same of the rice and the content of the file and profile they wish to loil under the before the multing this matter before the public hard they wish to loil under the wings of the rich and previous they wish to loil under the wings of the rich and provided they wish to loil under the wings of the rich and provided to his own they wish to loil under the wings of the rich and provided to his own the will for proper famining they wish to loi

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Why He Left Virginia,
Editor of The Times-Dispatch;
Sir,-Much has been said in your paper lately on the subject, "Expatriate Virginians." Well, what is all this excitement about. Any one familiar with that section can easily see the cause of it all. There is but little opportunity, even for a taiented and ambitious young man, from the fact that the average employer is not looking for that class of men, he is hunting something cheaper—a man after his own image, or rather it seems that way when the question of salary is considered.

I am a Virginian. I saw no future for myself there, and that is why I am in the West to-day.

Alberta, Canada, June 9.

